

Public Participation Opportunity
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
Division of Water Pollution Control
Notice Requesting Public Comments on Draft

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The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following draft environmental permits and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on human health and the environment. A list of Notices of Intent (NOIs) that were recently received by the DWPC is available on our web page:
www.tdec.net/wpc/ppo/

Individual NPDES Permits

Proposed Modifications

Applicant name	Hamilton County Wastewater Treatment Authority, Signal Mountain STP		
Permit number	TN0021211	Permit Writer Initials	HVA
County	Hamilton	Discharger rating	Minor
Street Address/Location	EFO Name Chattanooga		
City and Zip Code	Suck Creek Road		
Description of activity	Signal Mountain, TN 37377		
Effluent description	Contact stabilization and chlorination; Modification imposes limits on new sewer connections until collection system overflows are remedied and aligns pathogen monitoring and limits with current water quality standards for recreation.		
Receiving stream	treated municipal wastewater from discharge 001		
Facility latitude	35.105000	Facility longitude	-85.360278

Applicant name	TVA - Allen Fossil Plant		
Permit number	TN0005355	Permit Writer Initials	PRM
		Discharger rating	Major
County	Shelby	EFO Name	Memphis
Street Address/Location	2574 Plant Road		
City and Zip Code	Memphis, TN 38109		
Description of activity	Modified 316(b) permit requirements because of EPA suspension of rule. Fossil-fueled steam-electric generating plant with 3 coal-fired units and 20 combustion turbines		
Effluent description	ash transport water, treated chemical and nonchemical metal cleaning wastewaters, coal pile runoff, low volume wastes, and storm water runoff from Outfalls 001 and 01A (emergency only), ash transport water, treated chemical and nonchemical metal cleaning wastewaters, precipitator & precipitator pad washdown, low volume wastes, and storm water runoff from Outfall 002 (during interim rerouting period), once through condenser cooling water, miscellaneous equipment cooling and lubricating water, air preheater wash water, selective catalytic reduction water and chemical and nonchemical metal cleaning wastewaters (IMP 006) and reverse osmosis reject wastewater from Outfall 003 and intake screen backwash water from Outfall 010		
Receiving stream	McKellar Lake to mile 725.6 of the Mississippi River (Outfalls 001 and 010), Horn Lake cutoff to McKellar Lake (001A), and Mississippi River at mile 725.0 (002, 003)		
Facility latitude	35.075000	Facility longitude	-90.162500

Applicant name	TVA - Bull Run Fossil Plant (BRF)		
Permit number	TN0005410	Permit Writer Initials	PRM
		Discharger rating	Major
County	Anderson	EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address/Location	1265 Edgemoor Road		
City and Zip Code	Clinton, TN 37716		
Description of activity	Modified 316(b) permit requirements because of EPA suspension of rule. Fossil fueled steam-electric generating plant		
Effluent description	ash transport water, chemical and non-chemical metal cleaning wastewaters, coal pile runoff, low volume wastes, storm water runoff, miscellaneous equipment cooling and lubricating water from Outfall 001; main condenser cooling water, miscellaneous equipment cooling and lubricating water and roof drains from Outfall 002; intake screen backwash water through Outfall 004; and treated metal cleaning waste water (Internal Monitoring Point 005) via Outfall 001 to Clinch River at mile 48.0.		
Receiving stream	Clinch River at mile 48.0		
Facility latitude	36.019900	Facility longitude	-84.154800

Applicant name **TVA - Cumberland Fossil Plant**
Permit number **TN0005789** Permit Writer Initials **PRM** Discharger rating **Major**
County **Stewart** EFO Name **Nashville**
Street Address/Location **815 Cumberland City Road**
City and Zip Code **Cumberland City, TN 37050**
Description of activity **Modification to permit to change 316(b) requirements based on suspension by EPA.
Fossil-fueled steam electric generating plant, with capacity of 2,600 megawatts.**

Effluent description **ash transport water, treated chemical and nonchemical metal cleaning wastewaters,
coal pile runoff, low volume wastes, and storm water runoff through Outfall 001,
once through condenser cooling water, miscellaneous equipment cooling and
lubricating water, and storm water through Outfall 002, intake screen backwash
water through Outfall 004, and chemical and nonchemical metal cleaning
wastewaters through Outfall 007**

Receiving stream **Cumberland River at mile 103**
Facility latitude **36.391667** Facility longitude **-87.658333**

Applicant name **TVA - John Sevier Fossil Plant**
Permit number **TN0005436** Permit Writer Initials **PRM** Discharger rating **Major**
County **Hawkins** EFO Name **Johnson City**
Street Address/Location **611 Old Highway 70**
City and Zip Code **Rogersville, TN 37857**
Description of activity **Modification to permit to change 316(b) requirements based on suspension by EPA.
Fossil-Fuel power plant with 4 generating units with capacity of 823 MW.**

Effluent description **ash transport water, chemical and non-chemical metal cleaning wastewaters, coal pile
runoff, low volume wastes, sanitary wastewater effluent, miscellaneous equipment
cooling and lubricating water and wastewater from the landfill leachate collection
system via Outfall 008, and storm water runoff from Outfall 001, main condenser
cooling water, nonprocess wastewater and storm water runoff from Outfall 002, and
air conditioning cooling water from Outfall 009**

Receiving stream **Polly Branch to the Holston River (Outfall 001) and the Holston River at mile
106.7 (Outfall 002)**
Facility latitude **36.370833** Facility longitude **-82.979167**

Applicant name	TVA - Johnsonville Fossil Plant (JOF)		
Permit number	TN0005444	Permit Writer Initials	PRM Discharger rating Major
County	Humphreys	EFO Name	Nashville
Street Address/Location	New Johnsonville		
City and Zip Code	New Johnsonville, TN 37134		
Description of activity	Modified 316(b) permit requirements because of EPA suspension of rule. Fossil fueled steam-electric generating plant.		
Effluent description	ash pond effluent consisting of ash transport water, chemical and nonchemical metal cleaning wastes, water treatment plant wastes, miscellaneous equipment cooling water, floor washing wastes, boiler makeup water leakage, boiler blowdown, ash system leakage & bottom overflow, Co-gen Building treated groundwater, combustion turbine wash water, groundwater seepage, Coal Crusher Building wash water, non-thermal sump discharge, coal pile runoff, and storm water runoff through Outfall 001; steam condenser cooling water, miscellaneous equipment cooling/lubricating water through Outfall 003; metal cleaning waste water through Outfall 005; intake screen backwash through Outfall 010; settled ash slurry from the main ash pond, runoff from ash stacking, and direct rainfall onto the sedimentation pond		
Receiving stream	Tennessee River at mile 100.2 for Outfall 001, mile 100.4 for Outfall and 011, and mile 99.4 for Outfalls 003, 010, 013, & 017		
Facility latitude	36.334167	Facility longitude	-86.417778

Applicant name	TVA - Sequoyah Nuclear Plant		
Permit number	TN0026450	Permit Writer Initials	PRM Discharger rating Major
County	Hamilton	EFO Name	Chattanooga
Street Address/Location	Sequoyah Access Road		
City and Zip Code	Soddy Daisy, TN 37379		
Description of activity	Modification to permit to change 316(b) requirements based on suspension by EPA. Production of electric power by thermonuclear fission and other associated operations.		
Effluent description	process and non-process wastewater through Outfalls 101,102, 103,107,110, 116, 117 and 118.		
Receiving stream	Tennessee River at mile 483.65		
Facility latitude	35.223056	Facility longitude	-85.091111

Applicant name **TVA Gallatin Fossil Plant**
 Permit number **TN0005428** Permit Writer Initials **PRM** Discharger rating **Major**
 County **Sumner** EFO Name **Nashville**
 Street Address/Location **1499 Steam Plant Road**
 City and Zip Code **Gallatin, TN 37066**
 Description of activity **Modification to permit to change 316(b) requirements based on suspension by EPA. Fossil fueled steam-electric generating plant with capacity of 1,580.4 MW**
 Effluent description **ash transport water, chemical and nonchemical metal cleaning wastes, water treatment plant wastes, combustion turbine oil/water separator effluent, demineralization waste neutralization sump discharges, miscellaneous equipment cooling water, floor washing wastes, boiler makeup water leakage, boiler blowdown, chemical lab drain water, boiler bottom overflow sump discharge, powerhouse extension pump discharge, U-Building pad wash oil/water separator, car wash, ash sluice water leakage, coal pile runoff, and storm water runoff through Outfall 001; steam condenser cooling water, pulverizer cooling water, turbine oil cooling water, and hydrogen cooler cooling water through Outfall 002; intake screen backwash through Outfall 004; and air conditioner noncontact co**
 Receiving stream **Cumberland River at mile 240.5 (001), mile 242.5 (002, 006, & 009), and mile 244.5 (004)**
 Facility latitude **36.315500** Facility longitude **-86.399700**

Proposed Reissuances

Applicant name **East Elementary School**
 Permit number **TN0056481** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
 County **Madison** EFO Name **Jackson**
 Street Address/Location **2480 Ashport Road**
 City and Zip Code **Jackson, TN 38305**
 Description of activity **Extended aeration**
 Effluent description **treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001**
 Receiving stream **unnamed tributary at mile 1.7 to Middle Fork Forked Deer River at mile 35.1**
 Facility latitude **35.722500** Facility longitude **-88.757778**

Applicant name **KUB- Fourth Creek STP**
 Permit number **TN0023574** Permit Writer Initials **JAH** Discharger rating **Major**
 County **Knox** EFO Name **Knoxville**
 Street Address/Location **1500 Lyons Bend Rd.**
 City and Zip Code **Knoxville, TN 37919**
 Description of activity **Treatment of municipal sewage**
 Effluent description **treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001**
 Receiving stream **Tennessee River Mile 640**
 Facility latitude **35.916667** Facility longitude **-83.970833**

Applicant name **KUB- Kuwahee STP**
Permit number **TN0023582** Permit Writer Initials **JAH** Discharger rating **Major**
County **Knox** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address/Location **2015 Neyland Dr.**
City and Zip Code **Knoxville, TN 37916**
Description of activity **Treatment of municipal sewage**
Effluent description **treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001**
Receiving stream **Tennessee River Mile 646.2**
Facility latitude **35.944444** Facility longitude **-83.926667**

Applicant name **Sparta STP**
Permit number **TN0061166** Permit Writer Initials **PRM** Discharger rating **Major**
County **White** EFO Name **Cookeville**
Street Address/Location **1099 McMinnville Highway (Doyle Highway)**
City and Zip Code **Sparta, TN 38583**
Description of activity **reissuance of NPDES permit for treatment of municipal sewage**
Effluent description **treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001**
Receiving stream **Calfkiller River Mile 11.5**
Facility latitude **35.908333** Facility longitude **-85.475000**

Applicant name **United State Department of the Interior - Tremont Institute**
Permit number **TN0022594** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Sevier** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address/Location **9275 Tremont Road**
City and Zip Code **Townsend, TN 37738**
Description of activity **Extended aeration**
Effluent description **treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001**
Receiving stream **Middle Prong Little River at mile 2.5**
Facility latitude **35.639722** Facility longitude **-83.688055**

Applicant name **TVA Apalachia Hydro Plant**
Permit number **TN0030155** Permit Writer Initials **MTS** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Polk** EFO Name **Chattanooga**
Street Address/Location **TN Hwy 68**
City and Zip Code **Farner, TN 37333**
Description of activity **Electric Services**
Effluent description **cooling water and non-process wastewaters from multiple outfalls**
Receiving stream **Hiwassee River at mile 53.6**
Facility latitude **35.183333** Facility longitude **-84.437500**

Applicant name **TVA South Holston Hydro Plant**
 Permit number **TN0027529** Permit Writer Initials **MTS** Discharger rating **Minor**
 County Sullivan EFO Name **Johnson City**
 Street Address/Location 918 S. Dam Drive, Near U.S. Hwy. 421
 City and Zip Code Bristol, TN 37602
 Description of activity Electric Services
 Effluent description cooling water and non-process wastewaters from multiple outfalls
 Receiving stream South Fork Holston River at mile 49.8
 Facility latitude 36.525000 Facility longitude -82.091666

Proposed Terminations

Applicant name **Days Inn Kingston**
 Permit number **TN0058971** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
 County Roane EFO Name **Knoxville**
 Street Address/Location 495 Gallaher Road
 City and Zip Code Kingston, TN 37763
 Description of activity Extended aeration is now connected to the Kingston wastewater collection system.
 Effluent description treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001
 Receiving stream Mile 0.1 of an unnamed tributary which enters Young Creek at mile 2.7
 Facility latitude 35.872500 Facility longitude -84.441111

State Operation Permits

Proposed Modifications

Applicant name **Water & Wastewater Authority of Wilson County - Sunset Harbor Treatment Facility**
 Permit number **SOP-05019** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
 County Wilson EFO Name **Nashville**
 Street Address/Location Off of Saundersville Road
 City and Zip Code Mount Juliet, TN 37122
 Description of activity Septic tanks, effluent collection system, recirculating sand filter and 10.74 acre drip irrigation to include new subdivisions Sailboat Harbor and Paddock Place Subdivisions. The design flow is changed from 0.025 MGD to 0.1 MGD.
 Wastewater description No discharge allowed from this system
 Adjacent receiving stream N/A
 Facility latitude 36.243889 Facility longitude -86.554444

Proposed New Issuances

Applicant name **Water and Wastewater Authority of Wilson County - Belle Isle Treatment Facility**
Permit number **SOP-07023** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Wilson** EFO Name **Nashville**
Street Address/Location **Off of Cairo Bend Road**
City and Zip Code **Lebanon, TN 37087**
Description of activity **Septic tanks, collection system, recirculating media filter, UV disinfection and 160 acre golf course drip irrigation**
Wastewater description **No discharge allowed from this system**
Adjacent receiving stream **N/A**
Facility latitude **36.33059** Facility longitude **-86.37835**

Applicant name **East Sevier County Utility District-Hickory Landing Development WWTP**
Permit number **SOP-07009** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Jefferson** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address/Location **Fain Road**
City and Zip Code **Sevierville, TN 37862**
Description of activity **Septic tanks, effluent collection system, packed-bed trickling filter , UV disinfection and 1.38 acre drip irrigation**
Wastewater description **No discharge allowed from this system**
Adjacent receiving stream **N/A**
Facility latitude **35.933055** Facility longitude **-83.396388**

Proposed Reissuances

Applicant name **Energy Solutions**
Permit number **SOP-01043** Permit Writer Initials **JAH** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Anderson** EFO Name **Knoxville**
Street Address/Location **U.S. Department of Energy Reservation, Y-12 Plant, Bear Creek Valley**
City and Zip Code **Oak Ridge, TN 37830**
Description of activity **Pump & haul**
Wastewater description **No discharge allowed**
Adjacent receiving stream **Bear Creek between North tributaries (NT) 4 and 5**
Facility latitude **35.580000** Facility longitude **-84.170000**

Applicant name **Motlow State Community College - Dept. 700**
Permit number **SOP-02031** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Moore** EFO Name **Columbia**
Street Address/Location **6015 Ledford Mill Road**
City and Zip Code **Lynchburg, TN 37352**
Description of activity **Lift station pumped to Tullhoma STP**
Wastewater description **No discharge allowed**
Adjacent receiving stream **N/A**
Facility latitude **35.365277** Facility longitude **-86.297222**

Applicant name **H and H Oil Recovery, Inc.**
Permit number **SOP-01050** Permit Writer Initials **JAH** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Benton** EFO Name **Jackson**
Street Address/Location **3580 Highway 641 South**
City and Zip Code **Camden, TN 38320**
Description of activity **used oil recovery with pump and haul disposal to Wise Alloys LLC**
Wastewater description **No discharge allowed**
Adjacent receiving stream **Unnamed Tributary of Cypress Creek**
Facility latitude **36.005590** Facility longitude **-88.108210**

Applicant name **Rebound Care Corporation D/B/A Open Arms Care Corporation**
Permit number **SOP-96032** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Davidson** EFO Name **Nashville**
Street Address/Location **5825 Cane Ridge Road**
City and Zip Code **Antioch, TN 37013**
Description of activity **Septic tank, recirculating sand filter and drip irrigation**
Wastewater description **No discharge allowed**
Adjacent receiving stream **N/A**
Facility latitude **36.015000** Facility longitude **-86.645000**

Applicant name **William H. Dunlap Retirement Center. Inc.**
Permit number **SOP-92044** Permit Writer Initials **HVA** Discharger rating **Minor**
County **Tipton** EFO Name **Memphis**
Street Address/Location **1495 Dunlap Orphanage Road**
City and Zip Code **Brighton, TN 38011**
Description of activity **Stabilization/evaporative pond and collection system**
Wastewater description **No discharge allowed**
Adjacent receiving stream **N/A**
Facility latitude **35.411111** Facility longitude **-89.677778**

Proposed Terminations

Applicant name	KenJo Market-Kingston #28/Downey Oil Company, Inc.		
Permit number	SOP-99040	Permit Writer Initials	HVA
		Discharger rating	Minor
County	Roane	EFO Name	Knoxville
Street Address/Location	505 Gallaher Road (KenJo, Inc. #26)		
City and Zip Code	Kingston, TN 37763		
Description of activity	Pump & haul of domestic wastewater to either Kingston STP or KUB Knoxville STP is now connected to the Kingston STP.		
Wastewater description	No discharge allowed		
Adjacent receiving stream	N/A		
Facility latitude	35.856648	Facility longitude	-84.456368
Applicant name	Pro Clean Unlimited		
Permit number	SOP-06061	Permit Writer Initials	PRM
		Discharger rating	Minor
County	Washington	EFO Name	Johnson City
Street Address/Location	175 Circle Drive		
City and Zip Code	Gray, TN 37615		
Description of activity	draft termination of SOP- no contract for disposal -mobile pressure washing.		
Wastewater description	No discharge allowed		
Adjacent receiving stream	none		
Facility latitude		Facility longitude	

POTW - Pretreatment Program Approvals:

None

The Division of Water Pollution Control is authorized to approve local POTW Pretreatment Programs for the administration and enforcement of the National Pretreatment Standards of Performance for industrial users of the respective Publicly Owned Treatment Works listed in this notice. Additionally, the POTW Programs are required to prevent the introduction of pollutants into the POTW's which will interfere with their operation, including the use or disposal of sludge, and prevent the introduction of pollutants into the POTW's which will pass through the treatment works or be otherwise incompatible. All POTW Pretreatment Programs approved are in accordance with the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act, the federal Clean Water Act, and appropriate regulations.

End of List

How to Comment:

TDEC is requesting public comment on this permit action. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure quality decisions. Persons wishing to comment on the proposed action are invited to submit comments in writing to the Division of Water Pollution Control at 6th Floor, L&C Tower, 401 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37243, Attn: Public Notice Coordinator, by fax number (615) 532-0686, or by E-mail at environment@state.tn.us. Comments must be received by the end of comment period date (see Page 1).

How to Request a Public Hearing:

Interested persons may request in writing that the Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the party filing it and the reasons why such a hearing is warranted. When there is significant public interest for a hearing, a hearing will be conducted according to Division of Water Pollution Control Rule 1200-4-5-.06(12). Public hearings will be announced through another public notice.

How the Department will Proceed:

The Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control will determine the final permit action after considering comments submitted during the comment period, the hearing record, if any, and the requirements of the Federal and State acts and regulations.

To Obtain Permit Details:

Draft permits or decisions regarding applications submitted to TDEC may be available electronically on the TDEC Internet site: <http://www.state.tn.us/environment>. Copies of the application(s) and draft permit(s) are also available for public inspection by contacting TDEC at environment@state.tn.us, by calling 1-888-891-TDEC (8332), or by visiting following locations during normal business hours:

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540 McCallie Avenue, Suite 550

Chattanooga, TN 37402 -2013

(423) 634-5745

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Environmental Field Office - Columbia

2484 Park Plus Drive

Columbia, TN 38506

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Environmental Field Office - Cookeville
1221 South Willow Avenue
Cookeville, TN 38401
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Environmental Field Office - Johnson City
2305 Silverdale Road
Johnson City, TN 37601
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3711 Middlebrook Pike
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Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, Union

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2510 Mt. Moriah Road, Suite E-645
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State of Tennessee Antidegradation Policy:

Antidegradation determinations have been made in regard to the permits referenced in this Public Notice. Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is found in Chapter 1200-4-3-.06 of the Rules of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The primary purpose of the antidegradation policy is to establish a greater level of protection for those waters that are identified to be of high quality. Generally, there are two types of high quality waters. Some high quality waters are those at near pristine conditions. These outstanding National Resource Waters (ORNWs), or Tier 3 waters, are specifically designated by the Water Quality Control Board and are afforded the greatest level of protection. No new discharges or expansion of existing discharges are allowed to result in degradation of the existing water quality. Others are determined to be high quality due to specialized uses and/or unique features and are identified by the Department as Tier 2 waters and are also protected against degradation.

Some degradation may be allowed only if the Water Quality Control Board deems it economically and socially necessary. Other surface waters not specifically identified and/or designated as high quality are referred to as Tier 1 waters. Generally, new discharges or increases in existing discharges may be allowed in Tier 1 waters. The Division of Water Pollution Control's evaluation of such discharges may include the following provisions:

- The proposed lowering of water quality by the discharge is necessary for economic growth or community benefit; the proposed discharge can not be mitigated by reasonable pollution prevention measures; and
- There is no other reasonable non-discharge alternative available to prevent the new/increased discharge to Tier 1 waters.

In all cases, the proposed discharge must meet water quality standards and fully protect all classified uses. Information used by the Division of Water Pollution Control in evaluating any of the above provisions is available upon request.

State of Tennessee Policy of Non-Discrimination:

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee's policy of non-discrimination, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or military service in its policies, or in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs, services or activities. Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action inquiries or complaints should be directed to the EEO/AA Coordinator, Office of General Counsel, 401 Church Street, 20th Floor L & C Tower, Nashville, TN 37243, 1-888-867-7455. ADA inquiries or complaints should be directed to the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division, 401 Church Street, 12th Floor L & C Tower, Nashville, TN 37243, 1-866-253-5827. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298).

Please bring this notice to the attention of persons you believe will be interested.

Cannon, Clay, Cumberland, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Van Buren, Warren, White